

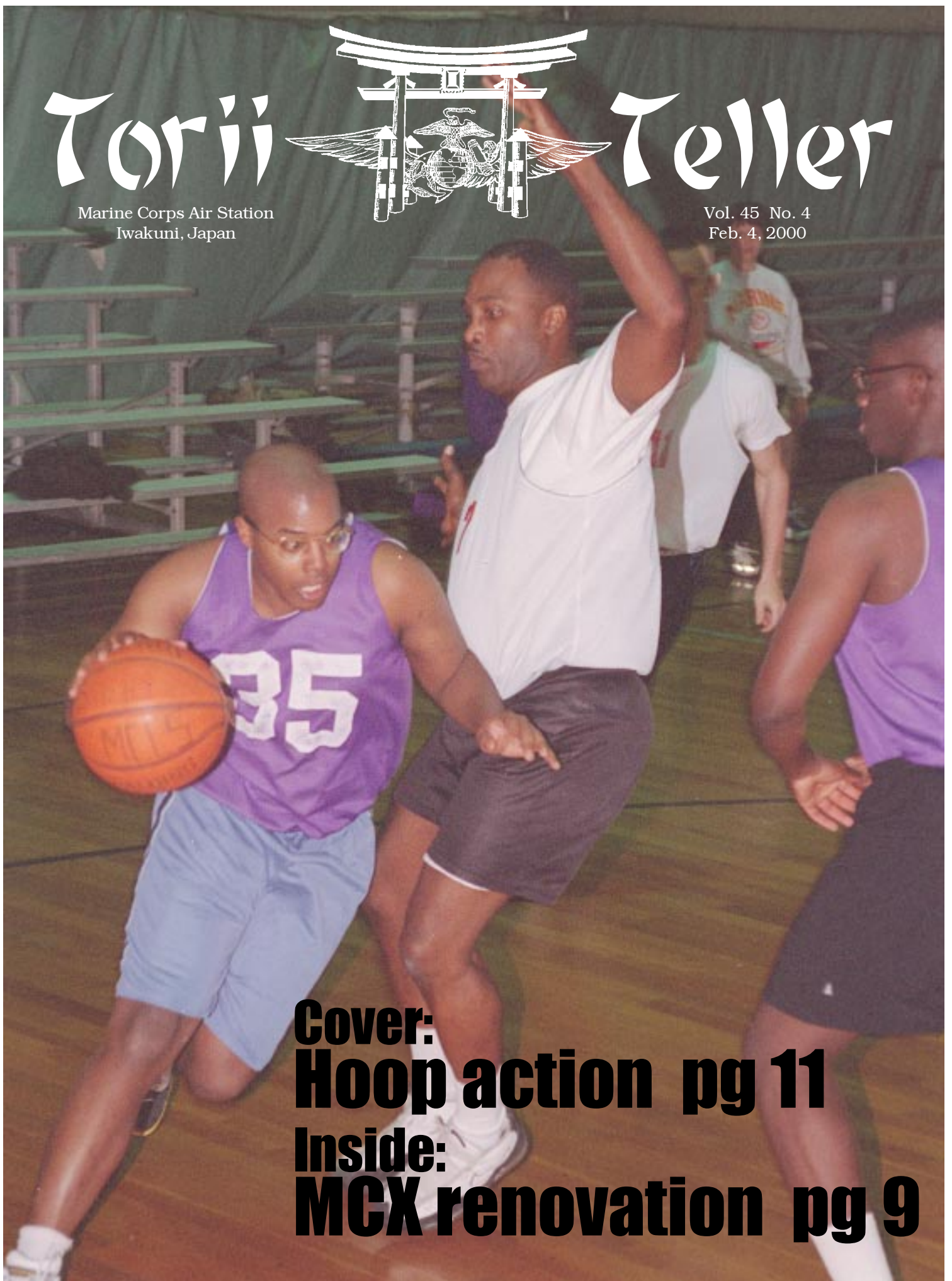
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Black History Month:

The African American Legacy and Challenges of the 21st century

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During February 2000, our country will celebrate the 74th annual observance of Black History Month initiated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926. This noted historian and visionary gave birth to the idea in order to recognize the contributions Americans of African decent have made to this great country. Initially known as Negro History Week, President Carter changed the week of recognition into a month-long event in 1976. Through the years its purpose has remained the same, to increase public awareness and to show an appreciation for the unique

role African Americans have played in the shaping of our nation.

The National theme selected by the association for the study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc., for the year 2000 observance is "Heritage Horizon: The African American Legacy and Challenges of the 21st century."

During the month all Americans will have the opportunity to learn, observe and participate in various activities that will be held throughout the United States and overseas.

African Americans have and continue to serve their country and our Corps with dignity and respect.

Black history is not 'his story,' but our story

by SSgt. Michelle Smith
Press Chief

It's February again, and what a great month it is. It is the month we celebrate love, educate children about good dental health, and the month that we Americans of African decent can share a part of us with you.

Some people may feel that Black History Month events are only for members of the air station that are of African decent. This is far from true.

Black History Month is a time when others learn our history, and for us to learn more about past. It allows us time to pause to remember and honor the contributions that people of African decent have made to

religion, science, medicine, the military and all other aspects of civilization throughout the world in general, and American history in particular.

My grandmother often said "How do you know where you are going, if you don't know from where you came?" There are many lessons to be learned. By knowing where we have been, we are better prepared for where we are going.

With this in mind, I share with you some thoughts of "our history."

The thought is blood. We honor Dr. Charles Drew, the man who invented blood plasma and who, ironically, bled to death because a segregated hospital refused to admit him. Through the sacrifice of one

man, countless lives have been saved.

The thought is pioneer. We remember Retired Marine Gen. Frank Petersen, this nation's first black Marine Corps general. Peterson joined the Corps in 1952, and during his career flew 350 combat missions, with more than 4,000 hours in various fighter/attack aircraft.

The thought is exploration. We remember Matthew Henson, the first man to set foot on the North Pole. Henson, a member of Robert Peary's, exploration party, was a great explorer who spoke several languages including Eskimo dialects.

There is so much in the human spirit that lends itself to exploration. The area explored can be space, land, sea or even one's own life.

Black History Month is for us all, so listen, learn and enjoy the wonderfulness of our diversity.



Our Cover

Last Shot's William Matthews drives the baseline against Crash Crew's Cortez Hall in Monday night intramural basketball at the Main Gym. Crash Crew won the game 58-41.

See Page 12 for more on the game. (photo by Cpl. Michael Wiener)

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News Briefs

Gate Closure

The North Gate will be closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic, due to construction today through Monday. The North Gate will reopen Tuesday, but will be reduced to one lane of traffic. All vehicles weighing more than 4 tons must use the Main Gate.

Billing Errors

Due to an error in the Marine Corps Exchange cash register system, customers who patronized the MCX Annex (former SNCO Club) on Jan. 27-28, credit cards were inadvertently billed again for purchases made at the October 1999 MCCS Bazaar. The billings were noticed almost immediately, and credits were issued to all accounts billed in error. Additionally, steps have been taken to insure that it does not happen again.

Patrons with concerns about credit card charges made at the MCX Annex can call 253-5641 for more information.

Infant Car Seats

Parents and guardians flying with children under the age of 2 and below the weight of 40 pounds aboard any Air Mobility Command flight must provide an approved infant car seat. For specific details on seat requirements call the Passenger Service Counter at 253-5509.

Helmets

Air station residents are reminded that helmets must be worn while riding bicycles, inline or roller skates, skateboards or any other wheeled, non-motorized vehicles aboard military installations, according to MCO5100.19D

NEO exercise proves successful, informative

by Cpl. Michael Wiener
Torii Teller Staff

Station personnel and residents tested the system Jan. 27 during a non-combatant evacuation exercise.

With a simulated earthquake wiping out almost all of the station's necessary resources – water, power, sewage – residents were “evacuated,” moving from table to table in the Main Gym – the station's NEO processing center, ensuring everything from passports to pets was properly taken care of.

“Everything moved very smoothly and quickly,” said GySgt. Tracy Ikard, who was assigning priority numbers to family members “depart-

ing” the station. “No one is being held up anywhere. Without a doubt, this is a very successful exercise.”

More than 270 family members were processed “out” of Iwakuni, far below the 1,000 per day the center is slated to handle.

“Anytime you fall below that number, we’re going to be able to handle the situation fairly easily,” said GySgt. Fitzgerald Taylor, processing center noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

Even though the “earthquake” had knocked out power, it was only simulated, a problem a few had with the exercise.

“Some thought it wasn’t real enough,” Taylor said. “When you’ve proved your process center works in prior years which we have, we need to actually disconnect the power or add another facet to make things more difficult.”

Whether or not the power was on, those manning the process center and those being processed both learned important lessons.

“It’s helped me to prepare for a real emergency,” said family member Tara Redmond. “Now I know I won’t be stressed in the real thing – my NEO packet is almost complete, and what I don’t have is being updated now.”

The NEO packet is a folder with paperwork and documents residents need to have in case of an emergency. Without the packet, the departure from Iwakuni could be delayed. A checklist can be found at the MCAS Iwakuni website, www.iwakuni.usmc.mil.

“In a real event, we can process blindfolded. In future exercises, we hope to be a little more realistic to give us a better sense of what things could be like,” said Taylor.



photo by Cpl. Michael Wiener

Gunnery Sergeant Tracy Ikard helps family member Suzette Abad get her paperwork in order prior to “evacuation.”

New sergeant major takes post

by Cpl. Michael Wiener
Torii Teller Staff

Sergeant Major Janet White took her post as the H&HS Sergeant Major this week, and she brought her "firm but fair" policy with her.

After serving as the 8th Communication Battalion first sergeant at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, White's personal motto is to make a difference.

"I hope I can do that in Iwakuni," she said, "by being firm and fair with all Marines and Sailors."

Although only on station for two weeks, White has been impressed by the squadron thus far.

"Everything seems to be running smoothly. Right now my focus is to support the staff NCOs, petty officers and NCOs, and give them my respect," she said. "If they do make a mistake, together we will work through it and make a change if needed."

While letting the senior leadership continue to run the show, White looks for younger Marines and Sailors to step up to challenges and take charge.

"I expect lance corporals and Pfc's. to be hungry for knowledge and responsibility. They'll make mistakes, but we'll help them up – I want to give them every opportunity to grow and learn.

"I expect the NCOs to take care of the younger Marines and Sailors and be responsible. They need to jump out

there, and if they make a mistake, take responsibility for it. Together, we'll all move forward," said White.

The characteristic White believes is her strongest is also the one she looks for in fellow Marines and Sailors – integrity.

"Without your word, you're nothing," she explained. "But you must also be honest with yourself as well as everyone else who comes and goes."

The Bay City, Michigan, native joined the Marine Corps in April 1979, and though she didn't intend on making the Corps a career, her second year opened her eyes to the possibilities that lay ahead.

"When I was promoted to corporal, I was having fun, had a lot of responsibility and saw that I could make a difference in young Marines' lives," White said.

While White's personal greatest accomplishment in the Marine Corps is attaining the rank of sergeant major, making a difference is by far the most important. Because there are so few female sergeants major in the Marine Corps, she holds a special sense of pride.

"Making sergeant major is an accomplishment in itself," she said. "Being in the Marine Corps, my biggest obstacle

has been that I'm a woman. For me to succeed, I had to work twice as hard as my peers."

Station records don't go back far enough to be completely accurate, but those who have been around since the first Marine at Iwakuni in 1958 say White is the first female sergeant major to be stationed here. And while four rockers and a star is a sign of a great career, White isn't finished.

"I would like to think that I'll have the opportunity to be the first female Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps."



photo by Cpl. Michael Wiener

Sergeant Major Janet White talks with Cpl. Robert Spencer, H&HS administrative clerk.



photo by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Family Housing Welcome Center

Colonel Richard Dunn, air station commanding officer and Ed Fancher, Housing director, cut the ribbon to the new Family Housing Welcome Center Jan. 26 as members of the housing team and Facilities Department look on. The new building has a private conference room, children's play equipment, a television and VCR and a computer available to PCSing personnel to check information about their new duty station. The office is located on the four-way intersection of G. and 5th Street, across from the Southside Messhall.

Service members deserve more

by **Linda D. Kozaryn**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. —

America's troops deserve better — pay and retirement, better housing and health care. It's that simple.

To keep quality people, the military must meet their basic needs.

Faced with recruiting and retention challenges due to plentiful, lucrative job opportunities within the nation's flourishing economy, defense leaders here are striving to improve service members' lot. College money was once "the gold-standard of recruiting, but the market has changed," said Rudy de Leon, under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

In light of stiff competition for the best and brightest, he said, the military is concentrating on enhancing quality of life for its forces.

During a recent interview with the American Forces Press Service, de Leon highlighted DoD's recent success in this arena and talked about what comes next.

"We want to keep the people we've got," he said. "That's why we fixed retirement. That's why we're

'plussing' up pay and focusing on housing and medical. We want to make sure we're retaining the key people. We've made an investment in them, and we hope they'll see this new investment in them as a reason to stay."

So far, de Leon said, DoD efforts primarily focused on the five-year, \$35 billion pay package recently approved by Congress and the president. The three-part package included a substantial across-the-board pay raise, pay table reform for mid-careerists and more generous retirement benefits.

This is now a done deal. January pay stubs will reflect the 4.8 percent pay raise approved by Congress. In July, mid-career ranks will see additional increases as high as 5 percent. The base retirement benefit has been restored to 50 percent.

Aiming to build on the pay package success, de Leon said, defense officials are turning their attention to housing and health care. Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have pledged to make these two key quality of life issues top priorities in the coming year.

Just as they included pay reforms

in the fiscal year 2000 defense budget, Pentagon leaders now are working to include further quality of life improvements in the new budget proposal. Officials adjusted housing allowances effective Jan. 1, for example, that will more accurately reflect actual costs.

Secretary Cohen announced Jan. 6, that DoD's fiscal 2001 budget request will include a plan to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, service members' out-of-pocket costs for off-base housing.

This new initiative would reduce service members out-of-pocket costs from an average of 18.8 percent in 2000 to 15 percent in 2001, with continued reductions each year thereafter, eliminating out-of-pocket costs entirely by 2005. DoD has realigned more than \$3 billion into the housing allowance program over the next five years, beginning with \$160 million in the fiscal 2001 budget.

DoD leaders want to ensure the January pay increases "don't quickly go out of pocket to pay for increases in rent," de Leon explained. The officials intend to help both military members who live on base and those

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News

Online calculator helps with Redux retirement decision

by Jim Garamore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Department of Defense unveiled an online calculator designed to help service members decide which military retirement plan is best for them. The site, http://pay2000.dtic.mil/bottom_ret.html, will help service members compare future benefits under the Redux retirement system — all those who entered the service on or after Aug. 1, 1986 — who reach their 15th year of service beginning 2001.

First choice: Service members can join the Pre-Redux retirement system. This so-called High-3 system gives members 50 percent of their average basic pay for their highest three earning years before retirement after 20 years of service. To compute retired pay after 20 years of service, for instance, E-7s

would total their basic pay for the highest three years - probably the last three - divide the sum by three and then again by two. Retired pay for additional service increases 2.5 percent per year to a maximum of 75 percent for 30 years of service. Also, annual cost of living adjustments are fully indexed to inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

Second choice: Eligible service members subject to Redux can take a taxable \$30,000 lump-sum bonus, agree to complete at least 20 years of service and choose to remain in the Redux plan. The bonus is immediately payable and can be used any way the member wishes. Retired pay starts at 40 percent of the high three earnings after 30 years and rises to a maximum of 75 percent for 30 years' service. Redux adjusts pay each year at the rate of the CPI minus 1 percent.

To use the calculator, click on the

"You decide — A personalized calculator" link on the Retirement Choice Web page. Then on the Personalized Retirement calculator page you click on the "Proceed to the Retirement Calculator" link and then fill in information including your age at 20 years of service and your expected final rank and years of service at retirement. Note whether you would invest your \$30,000 bonus if you choose to stay with the Redux option.

The calculator makes some assumptions about the economy — inflation, tax rates, etc. You can accept these defaults or play "what-if?" Click on the "Calculator" button and let the system work.

By law, DoD must notify people facing the decision after they have served 24.5 years. They must make the choice at 15 years of service. The first group facing the choice will be notified in January 2001 for a choice in August 2001.

"We've put this calculator up a year early so people can use it and really understand the choice they are to make," a senior DoD compensation official said. "This is a complicated decision and should not be made lightly."

Japan Air Self-Defense Force trains with Marines

by Cpl. Michael Wiener
Torii Teller Staff

The VMFA-332 Moonlighters took on another job flying sorties against the Japan Air Self-Defense Force's 5th Wing, 202nd Tactical Fighter Squadron recently.

The Marine aircrews with their F/A-18s worked on intercepts and basic fighter maneuvers against the F-15s of the 202nd.

"This training has been ideal for us," said Capt.

Steve Tynan, VMFA-332 schedule officer. "Because of the holidays and moving over here, we basically have not done any tactical fighting for the past two months. It's great to jump back into it and get back in the groove."

From Jan. 24-27, the Moonlighters flew 16 sorties — four each day. Flying against dissimilar aircraft proved to be good training, but flying against another country was an added bonus, according to Tynan.

"They have different tactics that we're not used to," said Tynan.

But the Marine pilots weren't the only ones to benefit from the joint training. The JASDF's 202nd sent a blend of new and old pilots to go up against the Americans.

"It is a very good challenge," said Miyazaki-san, JASDF liaison. "The most important difference is in the aircraft, so there's a difference in their functions."

"The Marine pilots have also had the perfect training — war," said Miyazaki. "We don't have that practical experience, so it makes a big difference."

Despite the stiff competition in the air, both sides are focussed on common goals. After each mission, the Marine and Japanese pilots debrief together, learning lessons and building bonds.

"Our mission is twofold," said Tynan. "We haven't been her for six years, so it's good to develop a rapport with other squadrons and build relations with the Japanese squadrons. The other is jumping in with both feet and back into our tactical training."

"It's great to jump back into it and get back in the groove."

Capt. Steve Tynan

Don't be left out in the cold

by Cpl. Michael Wiener
Torii Teller Staff

The Utilities Department here has been flooded with recent phone calls dialed with numb fingers.

Cold customers are waiting until their kerosene tanks are empty and they see their breath before calling to have the tanks refilled, according to Chief Petty Officer James Trocke, Utilities chief.

"We have been overwhelmed by phone calls from different departments because their fuel ran out," Trocke said. "It is the responsibility of the user to ensure the fuel tanks never reach that level."

More than 100 heaters keep 50 or more work places heated and the people in them warm.

"We recommend that if the tank reaches 1/3 full, you call the Utilities Office at 253-6148. This way you never go without heat, and we are not overwhelmed with heat calls."

Kerosene is delivered on a daily basis, and tanks can be topped-off at any time. Trocke also recommends appointing a representative from each department to monitor fuel tanks and consumption to eliminate running out of kerosene.

"It just takes a second or two to check the level, and most tanks are easily accessible," Trocke said. "If it usually takes two weeks to burn a tank of kerosene, and you haven't ordered any for a week and a half, chances are you're running low."

Lasers help 171 stay on level ground

by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

Marine Wing Support Squadron-171 received the Blade-pro Laserplane Leveling System Jan. 17. They also received the supporting terramodel computer program that eliminates the need for two separate programs.

This will allow them to quickly build expeditionary airfields and many other horizontal-construction projects with their own or other services' equipment. During future joint-service deployments MWSS-171 grader operators will have the training to run systems in use by other services.

"The Air Force and Army already have the system," said Pfc. Richard Buckmaster, MWSS-171 heavy equipment operator. "If we go on a joint operation, our equipment and their equipment allows us to work mutually."

During horizontal-construction missions the system allows the operator to complete the mission in a more efficient manner by controlling much of the blade movements against the ground. Time required to produce runways, maintaining roads,

airfield complexes, dams, open storage areas, building sites, and hard stands for vehicle equipment parks is greatly decreased, according to CWO-3 Jack Cave, Marine Corps System Command project officer.

The LLS system will increase grading productivity by cutting to grade in fewer passes, with consistent accuracy, at high operating speeds, day or night, according to the Laserplane Leveling System user logistics support summary.

Marines received training on the blade-pro and on the terramodel computer program from Spectra Precision representatives.

"We have a five-day course that takes them through all the aspects of surveying," said Bill Denny, Spectra Precision Software senior training engineer. "It's easier than a word program to run and more user friendly and much more powerful. It automates the procedure making it simpler so they can accomplish more and wind up with a better finished project."

The blade-pro and terramodel programs are separate tools used together to make the job faster and more precise.

As the LLS is a new tool for grader operators the terramodel and

teravista program is a new tool for the 171 drafting and surveying shop.

"Terramodel and terravista is a wonderful program. It makes our job a lot faster and us a lot more proficient. There's nothing it can't do," said LCpl. Jamie Stewart, MWSS-171 drafter and surveyor. "We're really glad to have it in service and to be so close to what the civilian community is using."

In the past a surveyor would stake out the area, the grader operator would level the ground and the surveyor would have to go back and check the measurements. Now it can be checked from the grader eliminating a step.

"It takes all the guess work out of operating. It makes it exact," said Buckmaster.

Laserplane Leveling Technology has been in use in the commercial sector for approximately 20 years and has become the standard for use on motor graders, according to ULSS.

The Marine Corps received the technology six months ago and has installed the new system on all graders in the United States. Overseas stations were the last to get the system installed, said Cave.



photo by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Wedge Award

Colonel Richard Dunn, air station commanding officer, presents members of Station Motor Transport with the Business Reform Initiative Wedge Award Jan. 28 at a ceremony at Station Motor Transportation. The award was for successfully reducing their fleet of vehicles.

Forty-nine vehicles were removed from the garrison mobile equipment fleet that totaled 663. By removing unnecessary vehicles some of the

overall maintenance cost was cut. Units assisted by turning in vehicles they could do without. Although every area on the station was tasked with BRI Station Motor Transport showed the greatest savings.

The award, which now has the unit's name on it, will be displayed in the H&HS headquarters building. A second smaller award was also presented for the unit to display.

Friendship Day Poster Contest kicks off

**compiled by
Torii Teller Staff**

Attention artists! MCAS Iwakuni is sponsoring the 2000 Friendship Day Poster Contest.

This year there will be an adult category for people 14 years and older and a children's category for those under the age of 14. The first-place winner in the adult category will receive \$150; second-place will receive \$50. The winner of the children's category will receive \$100.

The winning design for the adult

category will be used on a poster to advertise Friendship Day throughout the surrounding Japanese communities. The winning children's design will be used for the cover of the Friendship Day event program.

Poster submission should in some way reflect the friendship shared between the Americans here and the local Japanese citizens. Entries should also reflect this year's theme: "Making Good Neighbors."

Entries must be produced on a white background (poster board) measuring 17-7/8 inches wide by 25

inches long (45.5cm X 63.5 cm).

The design should be presented vertically (taller than it is wide) and done in full color. The bottom two inches of the poster should be left blank for later publication of times, dates and other information. Submissions must be hand-drawn. Computer graphic designs will not be accepted.

All entries must be submitted to the Public Affairs Office in Bldg. 360, Rm. 7, by close of business March 3. Winners will be announced in the *Torii Teller* and on AFN radio and television.

The contest is open to everyone, so pick up those pencils and start drawing now!

Renovations to make store warm, customers cool

by SSgt. Michelle Smith
Press Chief

If you've been in the Marine Corps Exchange lately, you may have noticed that many things are not located where they used to be located.

The MCX is currently going through a major heating and air conditioning project.

According to Connie Murray, Marine Corps Exchange manager, the project started Jan. 27 and is scheduled to be complete Sept. 15.

"The purpose of the project is to provide the customers with a comfortable environment - warmth in the winter and coolness in the summer," Murray said.

The project will be completed in five phases.

Phase one was transparent to the customer with most of the work done to the exterior of the store.

Phase two, which is currently in progress and is scheduled to be complete Mar. 8, involves the moving of the cosmetic section, optical shop, Oscar's Gift Shop and the women's and children's departments.

"These areas have been moved around on the first floor. Because of the nature of the construction, adjacent areas on the second floor

had to be moved at the same time," she said.

Additionally during this phase the Furniture Section was moved to the old Staff NCO Club. The Club now serves as the Exchange Annex and temporarily houses domestics, housewares, baby furniture, carpets, small and major appliances.

Phase three, a major part of the renovation, begins Mar. 17 and is scheduled to be complete April 27. Areas to be affected includes the toy department, sporting goods, hardware, the flower shop, the men's department and the uniform shop.

"These areas will be displaced. We haven't made a final determination to where these departments will be located, but as soon as the decision is final, our customers will be informed," Murray said.

To keep the customers informed, project boards will be placed in the Exchange to help customers find the merchandise they need. Updates will also be published in the *Torii Teller*.

Phase four, scheduled from May 8-June 16, will affect the administrative offices, beauty shop, Southside Seven Day Store and cash offices.

"Only the beauty shop and Seven Day Store move will affect our customers," Murray said.

Phase five, the last part of the

construction project is scheduled from June 26-Sept. 17.

"The final move will affect the shoe department, Torii Tunes and the Sound Shop," she said. "The Exchange hours are the same, and we plan to continue business as usual."

"We know that this is a long project and ask that our customers be patient with us. But once the project is complete, the community will appreciate the improvements made," Murray said.

Station residents are also asked to be watchful of their children during the construction period.

Despite the confusion the displaced brings, the move has proved worthy to some customers.

"It is good that the furniture is located in its own store. In Yokosuka it's that way and more furniture is available for viewing for the customer - instead of being in the warehouse unseen," said Cheryl Curtis, family member.

According to Murray, the move took two days and was a team effort, from the warrant officer down the chain. Everyone took part," Murray said.

"We are trying to keep things as convenient and non-disruptive for the customer as possible," Murray said.

Fuel Ops

Marine Wing Support Squadron-171 Marines from the Fuels Division here demonstrate their skills while supporting Carrier Wing Five F-18s from Fixed Wing Fighter Attack Squadrons -192, 27, and 195 based in Atsugi. Staff Sergeant William Speed led his Marines at the "hot pits" on a cold and wet Jan. 23 afternoon to refuel a total of 18 Navy F-18s. The Marines provided a total of 28,397 gallons using four different fuel points simultaneously. The Marines who together with the Navy personnel showed a good example of the Navy-Marine Corps team.



photo by Capt. Frederick Bremer

who live off base, he said. Along with adjusting housing allowances to compensate for out-of-pocket expenses, he said, Pentagon officials are looking at whether DoD has the right amount invested in military construction and family housing.

Remedying housing problems is one DoD initiative, de Leon said. Responding to concerns about health care is another. This is an area that has long been an issue for service members and their families, he noted. Cohen, Shelton and Sue Bailey, assistant defense secretary for health affairs, "are very much engaged on TRICARE and our military treatment facilities," de Leon said.

Generally, he said, surveys show that military men and women are satisfied with the health care they receive. "Their frustrations are on the business side — how quickly and conveniently can they schedule appointments and where they use the TRICARE system, how quickly can they get claims paid."

DoD officials are working now on ways to simplify the business side of health care, he said. They also are addressing some funding issues in the fiscal 2001 budget as well as longer-term issues. "Again," he stressed, "pay raises shouldn't go to paying for necessities of health care or housing."

Overall, DoD is directing a lot of effort at improving health care, de Leon said.

Another area of concern is the fact that some 13,000 service members qualify for food stamps, he said. Factors that trigger food stamp eligibility include family size and whether a family lives in base housing or draws a housing allowance.

"We're spending a lot of time looking at why some of our very junior members are on food stamps. Putting more money into pay goes to the heart of that issue," de Leon said.

DoD officials also are evaluating other underlying issues.

"We want to make sure that the most junior enlisted understand how to use and manage all the financial assets available to them," he said. "Pay raises can be quickly consumed by paying minimum balances on credit cards, for example."

DoD wants to ensure service members know how to use credit cards and how to maintain their financial well being.

"Credit card offers come regularly, and it's easy to get hooked on credit," de Leon remarked.

Pentagon officials, particularly the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also continue to look for ways to reduce the high operations tempo affecting service members' morale and retention. "Optempo," in this case, covers the gamut of

the pace and number of operations and the time service members are training and deployed away from home station.

"It's an issue in each of the services, but it's a cultural issue for the Air Force and the Army, which are going from being forward-deployed forces to contingency-based forces," de Leon said. "The leadership is working very, very hard to be able to make quality of life transitions that have to go with that."

"The Air Force, for example, has made great strides in creating an air expeditionary force and looking at how to manage the work level," he said. The Army is relieving the pressure on active duty forces by deploying more Army Reserve and National Guard units to share the burden of long-term contingency operations.

"Let's look at the Bosnia mission, for example," de Leon said. "In '96 and '97 the Bosnia mission was falling most heavily on the U.S. Army in Europe. So, like a coach, the Army looked at its bench, and what you saw

going into Bosnia in 1999 was the 1st Cavalry from Fort Hood, Texas, the 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, N.Y., and units of the Texas National Guard doing rotations."

"The mission's real," de Leon said. Service members "see the impact that they're having and they know that it makes a difference."

Rudy de Leon

DoD officials are also looking at using today's information technology to track individual service members' optempo. They are also considering ways to give people advance notice on deployments, de Leon said.

"We want to make sure that, whether you serve in the Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps, you have a real sense of when you're going to be at home or away," he said. "Our military men and women have great capacity to respond to crisis on short notice, but we want to give people more predictability and a little bit more control of their lives."

Contingency missions are not the only factors that escalate optempo, de Leon added. Military leaders also are evaluating training exercises and other things that have an impact. They want to ensure, for instance, that "training that takes a troop away from home really is readiness enhancing," he said.

Efforts are also under way to enhance living conditions by building up facilities in Bosnia and Kosovo and to ensure family members left behind are well cared for.

"Military leadership has come up with ways to make sure there are people at home base that are attuned to the families and their needs," de Leon said.

While contingency missions increase optempo, they've also had a positive effect, de Leon stressed: "While it was a challenging recruiting year for the Army, they hit their numbers because their re-enlistment rates were exceptionally high."

"The mission's real," de Leon said. Service members "see the impact that they're having and they know that it makes a difference."

Crash Crew topples Last Shot

by Cpl. Michael Wiener
Torii Teller Staff

Crash Crew moved back up to .500 for the season, and sent Last Shot to its ninth loss in 10 games with a 58-41 victory Monday night at the Main Gym.

Chauncey Lovely, Cortez Hall and Daniel Derek all achieved double-digit scoring for the Crew, and every player tallied at least two points. Derek led all scorers with 16.

Quick outlet passing and never letting Last Shot catch their breath allowed for lightening fast scoring.

"That's always part of our plan — to get the quick basket," said Crash Crew coach Lovely. "(Derek) is really coming around. We're looking to him to be our main point guard in the upcoming tournament."

On the flip-side, the Crash Crew defense and a tenacious press held Last Shot to a meager 14 points in the first half.

"We're looking at a few different tactics to take the other team out of the game early, and the press is one of them," Lovely said.

Last Shot also struggled at the line, hitting only eight of 16 foul shots.

"They had trouble with their free throws and knocking them down," said Kim Roland, Last Shot coach. "It was a bad night. The shots just weren't falling."

Despite the lackluster first half, Last Shot did keep pace with Crash Crew in the second as each team scored 27 to end the game.

"I think the big thing was that we started having fun in the second half," Roland said. "If we were not having fun, we're not playing well."

In other Monday night action, the M.C. Perry Samurai upset the number-one ranked team Boss Ballers 63-57. Mike Adams and Jeremy Eck tossed in 19 points each to lead the Samurai past the Ballers. The loss is only the Ballers second of the year.

Clifton Turner led WWJD past No Snitchers, 44-38, knocking down 16 and going three-for-four from the line.

Tuesday night's action saw the 171 Young Leaders punishing the Brawlers 54-20. The SE Tuggers set the retired the 171 Vets 57-42, and the Cavaliers squeaked by Last Shot, 42-39.



photos by Cpl. Michael Wiener

ABOVE: Crash Crew's Daniel Derek drives the lane for two of his 16 points on the night. Derek led all scorers for the game.

RIGHT: Last Shot's Abram Milton finds little room to breathe as two Crash Crew defenders trap him in the corner.

Last Shot only managed to put 14 points on the board in the first half, and lost to Crash Crew, 58-41, in intramural basketball action Monday night in the Main Gym.



Youth Basketball scores big

by Cpl. Michael Wiener
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Though MCAS Iwakuni doesn't have professional basketball, it does have 225 little Latrell Sprewells and Sheryl Swoopes running up and down the hardwood week after week.

Twenty teams divided into four age groups comprise the Youth Basketball league here. With three games a week for the 7-9 and 10-12 year-old teams and one game for the 5-6 year-old teams, the focus is on learning and fun.

"The coaches are very effective in teaching the youth basic skills, teamwork, sportsmanship and responsibility," said Bobby Brown, Youth Sports director. "The primary goal of our program is for the youth aboard the air station to have fun."

Scores are not even recorded for the 5-6 and 7-9 year-old league games. The 10-12 year-olds play 14 "competitive" games with a double-elimination tournament scheduled for the end of the season. But the focus remains on fun.

"I do have a lot of fun playing," said Kayla Vogan. "I already knew

how to shoot, dribble and pass, but I'm getting better at it now."

The coaches for the teams aren't being paid the outrageous salaries of Larry Bird or Jeff Van Gundy. In fact they're not being paid at all.

"We're fortunate to have so many Marines, Sailors, civilians and parents volunteer their time free time to coach our youth and teach them so many of life's skills, as well as basketball fundamentals and other important social skills that I know the youth will carry with them throughout their life," Brown said.

The Youth Basketball League also has a 13-14 year-old team who primarily play intercultural games with Japanese teams.

"Their next game is scheduled for 12 Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. in the Southside Gymnasium, when they will host Kawashimo and Waki Junior High Schools," Brown said.

Regardless of who wins, scores or nails a buzzer-beating three, the Youth Basketball league is a success because the children are learning and having fun, Brown said. And one of them may grow up tossing Kareem-style hook shots in the NBA.



photo by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Lucky Ticket

Private first class Scott Diestelhorst, H&HS radar technician, holds up the winning ticket for the chance to kick a 45-yard field goal worth \$10,000, Monday. Diestelhorst made a gallant effort, but failed to send the ball the distance. He walked away with a \$1,000 in gift certificates from the Marine Corps Exchange New Car Sales here.

Sports Briefs

Ladies Bowling

A ladies bowling league begins Wednesday with a meeting at 6 p.m. after which bowling begins. For more information call 253-3495.

Health Fair

Health Promotions is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Health Promotions Fair "Fitness 2000", Feb. 5, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and the Main Gym.

SCUBA Night

A variety of events are planned for divers, their non-diving "buddies," and kids age 8-12 (with parental consent). The events begin at 6 p.m. and finish at 10 p.m. Certified open water divers and above may participate. Call 253-6058 for more information. There is a fee for some events.

Sweetheart Swim

Aquatics will hold a contest Feb. 13 during pool operational hours. Swim and record your time with the lifeguard. The fastest male and female swimmer in five age divisions wins a prize. For more information call 253-5520.

Ice Bowl

The Iwakuni Ice Bowl, in which MAG-12 vs. H&HS, takes place on the Main Parade Field Feb. 11, 2 p.m.

Ski Information

Registration is open at ITT in the Crossroads Mall Travel Center for Outdoor Recreation Ski Trips. Status of Forces Agreement personnel may check out skis and snowboards from the Outdoor Recreation Center in the Main Gym. For more information call 253-3822.

Friday

9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Blues Clues
 10:30 Kiana's FlexAppeal
 11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
 12:00 NBC Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:00 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
 3:30 Nightmare Ned
 4:00 Sister, Sister
 4:30 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch (TV-G)
 5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 King of the Hill (TV-PG)
 7:30 That '70s Show (TV-PG)
 8:00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (TV-PG)
 9:00 Law and Order (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Saturday

0:35 ESPNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Billy Bathgate (TV-PG)
 3:00 Movies 'til Dawn
 Days of Thunder
 5:00 Today Show
 7:00 The Adventures of Elmer and Friends
 Arthur (TV-Y)
 8:00 Disney's Mickey Mouseworks (TV-G)
 8:30 Disney's Recess (TV-Y)
 9:00 Hey! Arnold (TV-Y)
 9:30 Goosebumps (TV-Y7)
 10:00 Nova
 11:00 This Old House
 11:30 NBC Nightly News
 12:00 Navy/Marine Corps News
 12:30 NBA (TNT)
 3:00 Up Close with Gary Miller
 3:30 ESPNews
 4:00 WWF Superstars (TV-14)
 5:00 Entertainers
 6:00 Headline News
 6:30 ESPNews
 7:00 Beverly Hills, 90210 (TV-14)
 8:00 Melrose Place (TV-14)
 9:00 20/20 Friday
 10:00 Headline News
 10:30 ESPNews
 11:00 Saturday Night Live (TV-14)

Sunday

12:30 Motown Live (TV-G)
 1:30 Soul Train
 2:30 Storytellers (TV-PG)
 4:00 Friday Night
 4:30 Entertainers
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 Hour of Power
 6:00 Creflo Dollar
 6:30 Grasping for the Wind

7:00 Millennium: End or Beginning?
 7:30 Day of Discovery
 8:00 Bananas in Pajamas
 8:30 Wishbone
 9:00 Wonderful World of Disney (TV-G)
 11:00 Wild Things (TV-PG)
 12:00 Headline News
 12:30 Army Newswatch
 1:00 NCAA Basketball (ESPN2)
 Louisville at Memphis
 3:00 NHL All-Star Celebration (ESPN)
 4:00 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (TV-PG)
 5:00 Computer Chronicles
 5:30 Wall Street Journal Report
 6:00 Headline News
 6:30 ESPNews
 7:00 Kids Say Darndest Things (TV-G)
 7:30 Home Improvement (TV-PG)
 8:00 Primetime Movie
 And the Beat Goes on: the Sonny and Cher Story (TV-PG)
 Headline News
 10:00 Pensacola: Wings of Gold (TV-PG)
 10:30 Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)
 11:30

Monday

12:30 WWF Superstars (TV-14)
 1:30 America's Black Forum
 2:00 Horse Racing (ESPN)
 3:00 NHL Super Skills
 4:30 NHL All-Star Game (ABC)
 Air Canada Centre
 7:30 NFL Pro Bowl (ABC)
 AFC vs. NFC
 11:30 ESPNews
 12:00 Headline News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Disney's Pepper Ann
 3:30 Bobby's World
 4:00 Cousin Skeeter (TV-Y)
 4:30 Bonechillers
 5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 60 Minutes
 8:00 The Drew Carey Show (TV-PG)
 8:30 Whose Line is it Anyway (TV-PG)
 9:00 The Practice (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Tuesday

0:35 ESPNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Batman Forever: "Batman III" (TV-PG)
 3:20 Movies 'til Dawn
 Airplane! (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPNews
 6:00 Today Show
 6:30 Headline News
 8:00 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street

10:00 Bear in the Big Blue House (TV-Y)
 10:30 Co-Ed Training
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
 12:00 NBC Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Spiderman: Animated Series
 3:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids
 4:00 Nick News
 4:30 Scholastic Sports America (TV-G)
 5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 Everybody Loves Raymond (TV-PG)
 8:00 Primetime Movie
 G.I. Jane (TV-PG)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Wednesday

12:35 ESPNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 John Paul Jones (TV-G)
 3:25 Movie 'til Dawn
 Throw Momma From the Train (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPNews
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Blues Clues
 10:30 Bodyshaping
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 NBC Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Taz-Mania
 3:30 Darkwing Duck
 4:00 Power Rangers in Space (TV-Y7)
 4:30 City Guts (TV-Y7)
 5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 Smart Guy (TV-PG)
 7:30 Moesha (TV-PG)
 8:00 Party of Five (TV-14)
 9:00 Buffy the Vampire Slayer (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Thursday

0:35 ESPNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Philadelphia (TV-PG)
 3:20 Movies 'til Dawn
 Five Desperate Hours
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPNews
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News

8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Bear in the Big Blue House (TV-Y)
 10:30 Co-Ed Training
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
 12:00 NBC Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Animaniacs
 3:30 Batman (TV-Y7)
 4:00 Pokemon (TV-Y)
 4:30 Boy Meets World (TV-PG)
 5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 Dharma and Greg (TV-14)
 7:30 Two Guys, A Girl and A Pizza Place (TV-PG)
 8:00 Just Shoot Me (TV-14)
 8:35 Spin City (TV-PG)
 9:00 ER (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Friday

12:35 ESPNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Heart of Fire
 2:45 Movies 'til Dawn
 Gia (TV-14)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPNews
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Blues Clues
 10:30 Kiana's FlexAppeal
 11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
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Movies

Sakura Theater

The Bachelor (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for language
 Feb. 4, 7 p.m.; Feb. 5, 4 p.m.; Feb. 6, 3 p.m.; Feb. 8, 7 p.m.

This modern remake of Buster Keaton's "Seven Chances" casts Chris O'Donnell as a young man who must get married before he turns 33 in order to collect a million dollar inheritance. The film follows the



bachelor's quest one day before his birthday. His prospects include reluctant, long-time girlfriend Renee Zellweger, Brooke Shields and Mariah Carey.

The Bone Collector (R)

Rated R for strong violent content including grisly images and for language
 Feb. 4, 10 p.m.; Feb. 5, 7 p.m.; Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

Together, Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie

make one complete forensic detective. While Jolie surveys the crime scenes of serial killer, quadriplegic Washington offers professional advice from the sideline. Although they're in constant communication, their physical separation presents some dangerous risks.

The Green Mile (R)

Rated R for violence, language and some sex-related material
 Feb. 5, 10 p.m.; Feb. 6, 7 p.m.; Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

Set during the Great Depression, Michael Clarke Duncan plays a Death Row murderer in a Southern prison who possesses the unusual gift of healing. Tom Hanks co-stars as the penitentiary guard who, upon discovering the inmate's miraculous power and gentle nature, begins to question the man's guilt. Based on Stephen King's 1996 best-selling novel.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. Any questions or comments can be directed to **MCCS** at 253-4003.

Iwakuni's Theaters

Kokusai:

Feb. 4 - March 10
 "Anna and the King" - 10:30 a.m.,
 1:05 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m.,
 (Sat. only) 9:10 p.m.

New Central: New Central I:

Feb. 5 - end of February
 "007 World is not Enough" -
 10:55 a.m., 1:20 p.m., 3:40 p.m.,
 6:25 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:50 p.m.

New Central II:

Feb. 5-18
 "Joan of Arc" - 10:05 a.m.,
 3:25 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:45 p.m.,
 "Love of the Game" - 12:50 p.m.,
 6:10 p.m.

New Central III:

Feb. 4 - March 17
 No English Movies

Local



Medical Clinic Health Promotions Tobacco Cessation Courses

Tobacco Cessation classes will be held today, Feb. 16, 18, 23, 25, March 22, 24, 29 and 31. Courses are held in the clinic conference room, 10-11 a.m. Participants must attend all four sessions. For more information call 253-3266.

Controlling Cholesterol Course

A "Controlling Cholesterol Course" will be offered Feb. 24 and March 30, 10-11 a.m. in the Branch Medical Clinic conference room. This class will help participants understand what cholesterol is, how to reduce it and the importance of good nutrition and regular exercise. For more information call 253-3266.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Sundays, 7 p.m. Closed meetings are held each Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. All meetings are held in Bldg. 497, second floor. For more information call 43-4814.

Childbirth Education Program Five-week Series

A five-week-series class is offered to first time expectant parents during the third trimester who are interested in learning the basics about child birth. The class meets once a week for five weeks from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information call Cmdr. Lisa Craft at 253-2714.

Refresher Class

The Refresher Class is offered to mothers who want to "freshen up" on the skills covered in the five-week series. This class, offered once a month, covers such issues as delivery at a Japanese facility, labor and delivery and breathing techniques. For details call 253-2714.

Drivers Classes

Drivers improvement classes for the month of February have changed. There will only be one drivers improvement class and one remedial class in February. Driver's improvement will be held Tuesday and remedial class will be held Thursday at 8 a.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 124. Classes are limited to 30 students. Call Station Safety at 253-5487 for more information.

Child Find

Child Find is the ongoing process used by Department of Defense Schools to identify children from 3 years old to high school who might be in need of special education and related services. Your local DoDDS school wants to locate, identify, and with parent permission, evaluate all

current and future DoDDS students who may need special education and related services because they have a disability. Call the school (elementary school at 253-3447, high school at 253-5448) if you have a child who may need special assistance. The Case Study Committee Chairperson can guide your concern to the appropriate staff member.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Tuition Assistance

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is offering tuition assistance for Term IV at Troy State University, University of Maryland and Central Texas College to spouses of Navy and Marine Corps personnel. Amounts up to \$300 are available for undergraduate study and up to \$350 for graduate work. Tuition aid is granted one term at a time and is based on need. Paperwork and interview must be completed by Feb. 18. Stop by the Education Office or the Navy Relief Office to pick up spouse tuition packet. Bring LES, identification card and completed paperwork to interview. Call 253-5311 for an appointment.

Volunteer Caseworkers/Receptionist

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is in need of volunteer caseworkers and receptionists. If you already have experience in these areas or would like to learn, call 253-5311. The NMCRS provides free training and also reimburses childcare fees. The NMCRS's office hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday, and the office is located in Bldg. 360, Rm. 35. Both active duty and spouses are welcome.

Consignment Sales Shop

The Consignment Sales Shop, located on the second floor of Crossroads Mall, is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Wednesdays, 4-7:30 p.m. The shop is part of the Enlisted Spouses Club and supports the community with donations and scholarships. Consignments and donations are accepted during operating hours or in the drop box after working hours. For more information call 253-4721.

Sweetheart Dance

A Sweetheart Dance will be held Feb. 18, 6:30 at Club Iwakuni. The event is open to all ranks and formal attire is required. Ticket price includes dinner and a rose for all ladies. For tickets or details call Anthony Redmond at 253-2876 or Lee Adams at 253-2152.

Fil-Am's Valentines Party

Filipino-American's Valentines dinner dance party will be held Feb. 12, 6:30-11 p.m. at Club Iwakuni's Ball Room. For tickets or more information call Sally Halal at 253-2412/4923.

Marine Corps Community Services MCCS Health Fair

The Third Annual Health Fair takes place at the Main

Gym, Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to visit booths, watch demonstrations and participate in the events. For more information call 253-6359.

Pokemon and Magic Game Fair

The game fair (sealed deck) takes place Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the party room next to the Eagle's Nest. All station personnel and their guests are welcome. Rules are available by calling MCCS Special Events at 253-6184. There is a entry fee.

IT&T Trips

The Information, Tickets and Tour office has added two tours to its February lineup. A shopping and culture trip to Fukuoka is scheduled Feb. 21, and a Kurokawa hot springs and shopping trip is planned Feb. 26-27. Sign up in the IT&T office in the Crossroads Mall Travel Center. There is a fee for both trips. For more information call 253-4377.

Library Closure

The Station Library is closed until Saturday due to mandatory staff training on the new integrated library system. Reopening is scheduled Sunday at noon.

MNPSP Baby Boot Camp

The Marine New Parent Support Program's Baby Boot Camp second session will be held Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 127. This class is free and open to everyone. For more information call 253-6553.

Playgroup

Parents and their children up to 6 years old are invited to enjoy playtime, songs, snacks and crafts, Tuesdays, 9:30-11 a.m. in Bldg. 589's community room. Everything is free. For more information call Mari at 253-4526.

Family Childcare Orientation

Those interested in providing childcare in their home should plan to attend a Family Child Care orientation Feb. 22-23, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call 253-4218.

National Youth of the Year

The Teen Center is accepting applications for Youth of the Year, a teen between the ages of 14-18 currently enrolled in high school, to represent Iwakuni at the Asia area competition. Call 253-6454 for more information. The submission deadline is Thursday.

Local and Federal Employment Workshop

The Local and Federal Employment Workshop is scheduled Monday, 9-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 217. This workshop focuses on Iwakuni's local job market and its application processes. Hands-on instruction and assistance are provided on the computerized SF-171, OF-612, Federal resume and KSA forms. Free childcare is provided. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6439 or by stopping by the Career Resource Management Center located in Bldg. 411, Rm. 201.

Basic Resume Workshop

The Basic Resume Workshop is scheduled Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 217. This workshop identifies skills, training and work experiences that translate into marketable job qualifications. Various

Chapel's Weekly Services

Saturday

5:30 p.m. Catholic Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)

Sunday

8:15 a.m. Liturgical Worship Service (Chapel Annex)
9 a.m. Catholic Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
10 a.m. Church of Christ Lay Leader Service (Chapel Annex, Rm. 103)
10:15 a.m. C.C.D. (Chapel Annex)
Gospel Sunday School (M.C. Perry Elementary School, Rm. 423B)
10:30 a.m. Protestant Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
12 p.m. Gospel Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
Latter Day Saint (Chapel Annex)

Friday

6 p.m. Jewish Shabat (Chapel Annex, Rm. 103)

Call 253-5218 for more information.

For information on Jewish Services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the Station Chapel.

resume formats are explained, and assistance is provided in determining which is best. Free childcare is provided. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6439 or by stopping the Career Resource Management Center located in Bldg. 411, Rm. 201.

Family Member Local Employment Class

Family Member Local Employment Class is scheduled Feb. 17, 9-11 a.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 217. This class provides answers for Iwakuni's local job seekers. Information presented will include civilian Human Resources Office classification procedures, spouses employment preference and the Priority Placement Program. Free childcare is provided. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6439 or by stopping by Bldg. 411, Rm. 201.

Exceptional Family Member Program

The Exceptional Family Member Program is a mandatory program, designed to identify family members with long-term healthcare or special education needs. This program ensures service members will be assigned to a location where their family's special needs are met. Current EFMP participants are reminded to update their EFMP file and status one year prior to PCSing. Call 2253-6962 for more information.

Education



ESC Scholarship

A \$250 scholarship is being offered by the Enlisted Spouses' Club to family members enrolled in classes. Stop by the Consignment Sales Shop, second floor of Crossroads Mall, or call the Crossroads Mall at 253-4721 or Arlette Walls at 253-2637 for more information.